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Volunteers Give Back to Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Brecksville, Ohio – The National Park Service and the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park hosted two volunteer projects in celebration of National Public Lands Day on Saturday, September 29. Over 125 volunteers gave back to their public land by either planting native trees or repairing a trail. Participants included scout troops, a Hudson high school group, college students, corporate groups, and families. The event was sponsored by The North Face – Woodmere.

Approximately 600 native trees were planted west of Akron-Peninsula Road near Hampton Hills Metro Park. Over the past three years, hundreds of volunteers contributed more than 4,000 hours removing exotic plants from the 50-acre site. Trees for the project were grown from seeds collected at the park and propagated by a grower in Central Ohio. The project was funded by a grant from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation obtained by the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

Improvements were made to the Perkins Trail by re-establishing the trail along a muddy section and installing erosion control features. Volunteers also assisted in preparing for future projects on this trail. The project was made possible by the support of the Cuyahoga Valley Trails Council, Medina County Ohio Horseman's Council, and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Adopt-A-Trail Volunteer Program.


Additional volunteers are invited to plant more trees at the Akron-Peninsula Road site on Thursday, October 11 and Saturday, October 27. For more information, visit <http://www.nps.gov/cuva/supportyourpark/habitat-restoration.htm>.

Volunteers are welcome to join the Adopt-A-Trail Program and Cuyahoga Valley Trail Council with trail maintenance on Perkins Trail as well as all 105 miles of trails. For more information, visit <http://www.nps.gov/cuva/supportyourpark/volunteer-activities.htm>

About the Volunteers-in-Parks Program

CVNP's VIP program is co-managed by the National Park Service and the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Together, they accomplish park goals through mutually beneficial volunteer experiences and engage people in the park, building a community of park

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stewards. Currently more than 5,700 VIPs donate over 154,800 hours to provide the highest level of quality services to park visitors and to help protect America's heritage. To join these volunteers in making a difference at CVNP, contact the volunteer office at volunteer@forcvnp.org, 330-657-2299, or visit conservancyforcvnp.org. Many opportunities are available and training is provided.

About the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park

The Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park is a non-profit organization created to engage public support for the park and provide services to enhance public use and enjoyment of the park. For more information about the Conservancy and its programs, visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org or call 330-657-2909.

About Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Cuyahoga Valley National Park encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit www.nps.gov/cuva or call 330-657-2752.

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